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Support

House Bill 513 – Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program - Established

Ways and Means Committee

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The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) supports House Bill 513 – Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program - Established. This bill creates a referral program for young children in need of behavioral health services.

Currently, many children with behavioral health needs are not identified until they reach school age. This means that children and their families may spend years trying to cope without and support. The program created by this bill will help connect children with behavioral health needs to services much earlier, which can improve outcomes and help ensure children are best prepared to enter school.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Scott Tiffin at stiffin@policypartners.net or (443) 350-1325.